The Landscape of My Beginnings
A Boy's Diary

Chapter 4

The Day I Held a Higonokami

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Showa Notebook

Today, I used my saved-up pocket money to buy my first Higonokami knife.
駄菓子 おもちゃ
しむら屋
古本 貸本
I see...make sure to take good care of it and use it properly.
Yup!
This here is the finest quality... it cuts very well, but do you know how to use it?
Yeah, I know.

Wow... it's amazing!
Okay... take care not to get hurt.
Yup!
Hey! Hinodebou, let's play Menko...!!
What's up with that guy...?
Huh? But, he loves Menko so much...
Not today, maybe tomor-row!!

Wow, it's a real Higonokami ...!!
ぐっ
カチッ
I decided that if I bought a Higonokami, the first thing I'd make would be a sword...
シャッシャッパパ
Whoa ...!!
It really cuts well!

It's dinner time.
OK...
シンシンパパ
ぐびっ
Hmm... Higono-kami, huh...
What's up? You're usually the first to come running when it's dinner...
He bought a Higono-kami knife.
Hey, hey! Make sure to clean up the wood shavings first!
Bam!

So you bought a Higonokami, eh? What are you making?
...
パリパリ
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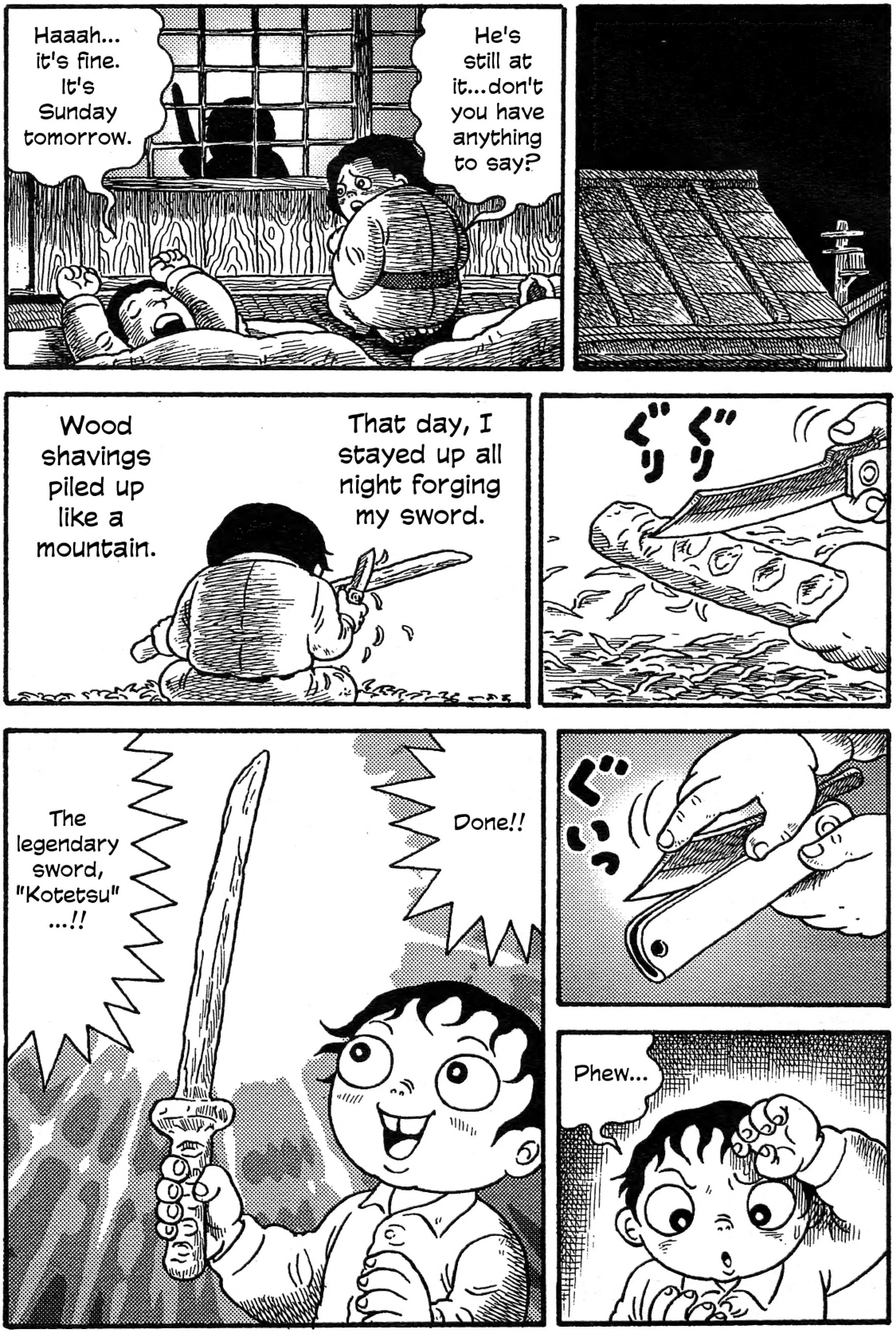
Let's eat!!
Thanks for dinner!
カラン
Hey!! You didn't even eat your sides!!
A sword!
Oh...a sword!!
ぐびっ
He's finally able to handle a Higonokami, eh...
Ha Ha
Honestly, once he starts something, he really goes all in...



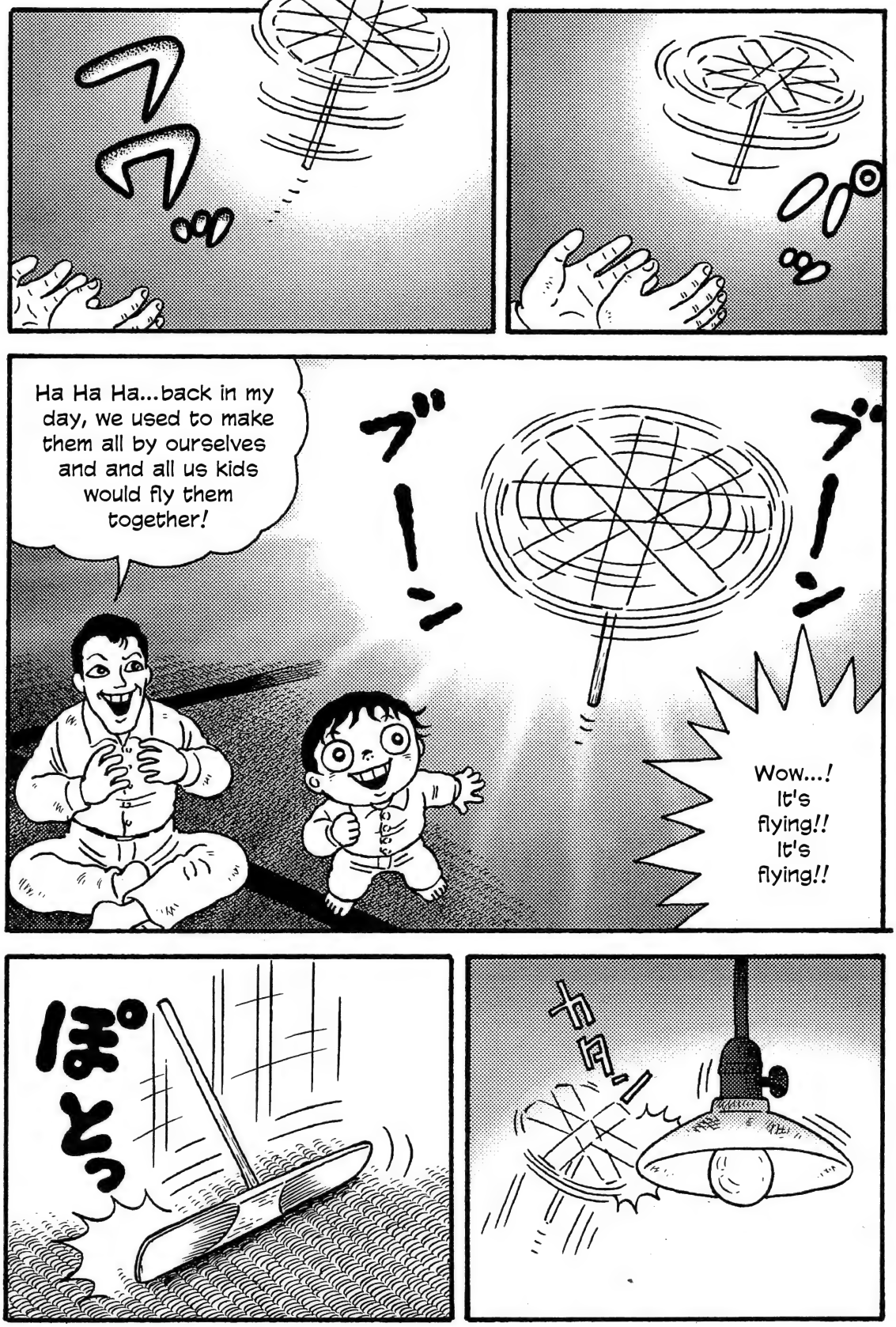
Swords forged by Nagasone Okisato aka Nagasone Kotetsu

Wow, you're really good! Hinodebou, you're good with your hands!
So that's why you didn't come play Menko yesterday.
I made the legendary sword "Kotetsu" last night! What'd ya' think?!
Hinodebou, you always get so worked up!
Hey, stop that!
Step forth! Tonight my "Kotetsu" will cut you down!
ぴっ!!
Whoa! Seriously, stop it!
Hiii yaaa!

...!?
ぽきっ
Hassō no Kamae stance!!
We told you to quit it!!
Oh, no it broke...!!
Ah!! My...my precious sword...!!
Ugh...
U...
Sob
Hi... Hinodebou! Hey Hi...
SHRUG...

What's wrong? You seem down...
He went through all the trouble of making his sword and it broke.
Munch Munch
Some-thing good ...?
I see...well then, I'll make something good for you.
Sob
Ah...my bamboo dragonflies fly really well, you know!!
A bamboo dragon-fly?
I'll make you a bamboo dragon-fly.

Hmm, the wings look just about right...
Well, just watch!
But, can it really fly?
Alright, it's done!!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ブーン
Ha Ha Ha...back in my day, we used to make them all by ourselves and and all us kids would fly them together!
ブーン
Wow...! It's flying!! It's flying!!
ぽとっ
カタン

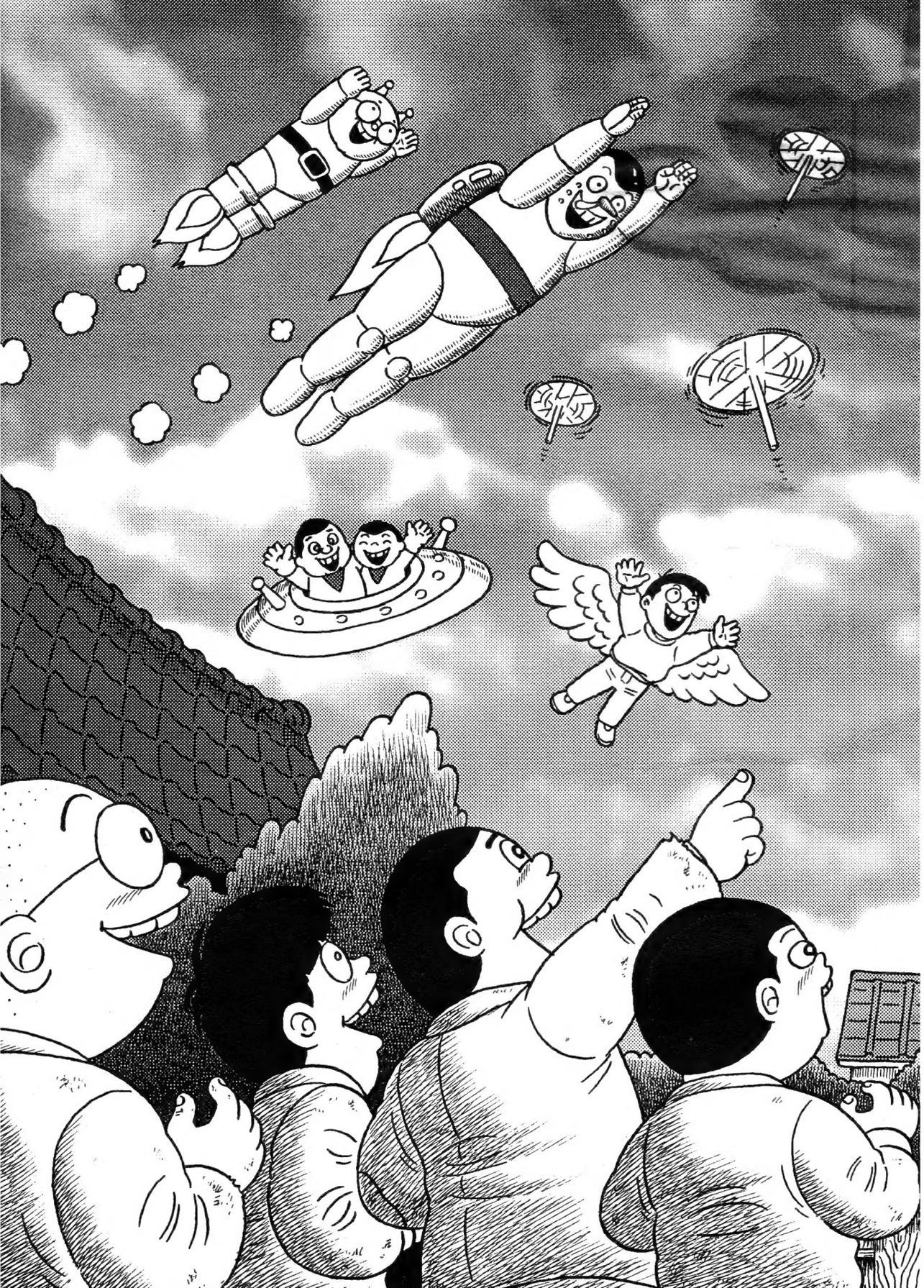
Dad, I want to make one too!!
It won't fly too much in the house, but outside it'll go pretty far.
Wow... it's amazing!!
The tricky part is the balance of the wings.
It looks easy, but it's actually quite difficult.
Yeah...!!
Alright, then give it a try.
My goodness. I'm happy to see he's bounced back.
You need to carve that part a bit more.
Like this...?

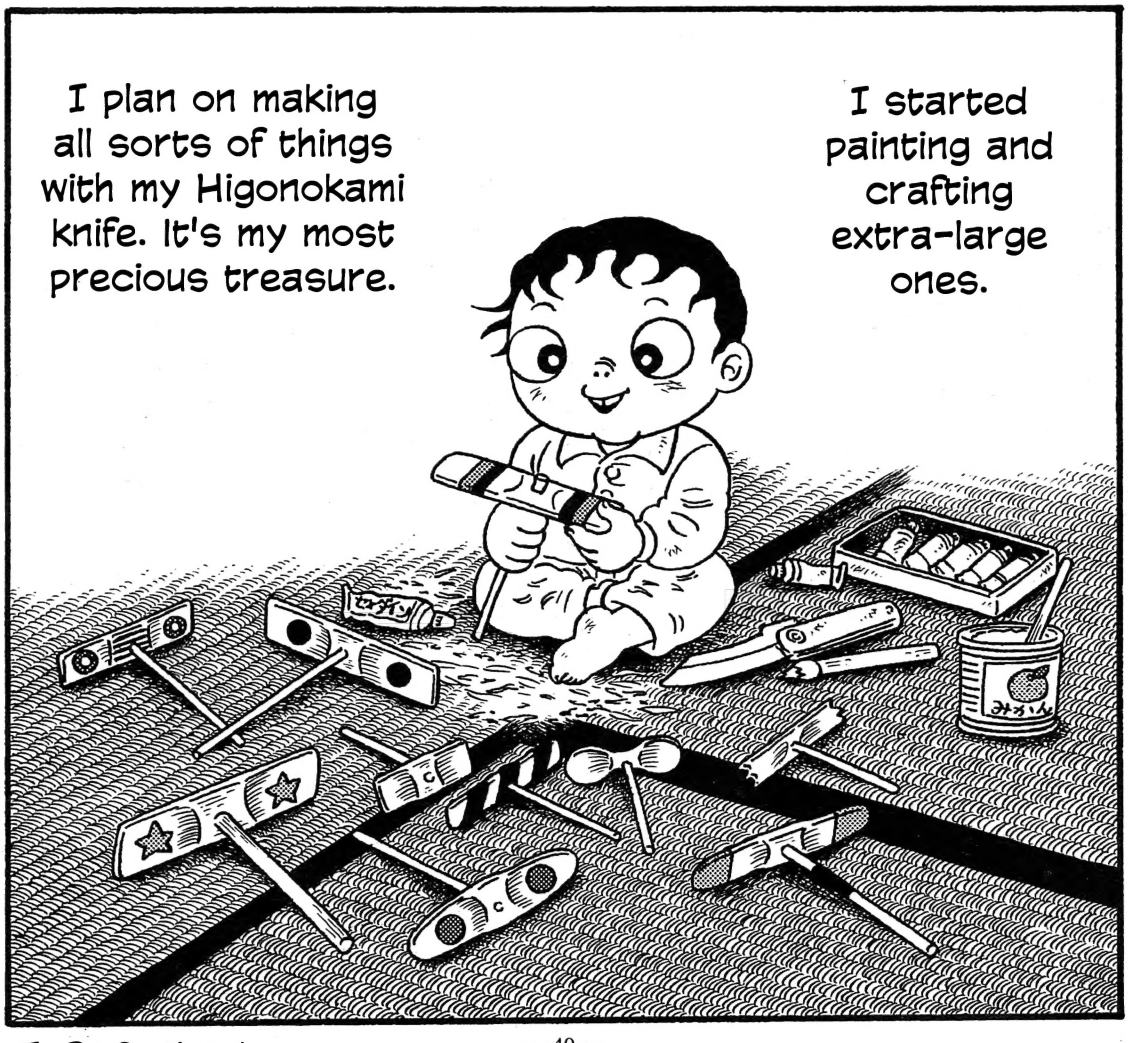
Wow!! That's so amazing...!!
Teach me! Teach me!
Show us how to make one!
Mine don't fly all that well.
My dad made this one.
Me too...!!
I'll go and buy a Higonokami knife too!
This is so fun...!!
Let's all fly them together!
Yeah! For sure!

Uh-huh...
You need to carve this part thinner.
Hee Hee
Hey, you're more skilled than I thought.
I'm done too...!!
I'm done!! I did it!!
Yaaa!!
グルグル
It's a showdown!!
Alright! Let's see who's flies the farthest!

Darn it! It didn't fly at all...!!
はは
ぽとっ
ヨロ
ヨロ
...!!
ぎゃはは
ぽてっ
Okay! It's my turn!!
クル
クル
Oh I see... Mine had wings that were way too thick.
Yeah!
Let's try making new one's using my dad's as the model!
Wow, looks like the one that really flies is Hinodebou's dad's!
Everyone's wings just aren't balanced enough.

Let's fly them together!!
OK, it's time!!
Look! Mine's just like Hinodebou's dad's!!
OK! I'm done! This time it'll work!
Ready!
Two!
One!
Yeah!
1,2,3!! Here we go!!
Here we go...!!
Reach for the sky bamboo dragonfly ...!!





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